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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BRANIFF SCHEDULES

REF: A) QUITO 8574; B) STATE 278361

- 1. QUITO BRANIFF MANAGER BURBANO TELEPHONED DCM AFTERNOON DECEMBER 20 TO REPORT ON HIS MORNING MEETING WITH CIVIL AVIATION (DAC) CHIEF COL. SUAREZ. BURBANO EXPLAINED HISTORY OF FREQUENCIES AND ROUTE SCHEDULES TO SUAREZ FROM JULY 1, 1974 TO PRESENT. BURBANO SAID THAT SUAREZ REPLIED BY SAYING THAT HE UNDERSTANDS AGREEMENT REACHED IN RECENT CIVIL AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS TO MEAN THE JULY 1 SCHEDULES AS WELL AS FREQUENCIES, DESPITE WHAT THE USG MAY BELIEVE. SUAREZ REPORTEDLY SAID THAT BRANIFF WOULD BE SUBJECT TO FINES IF IT CONTINUED FLYING ITS PRESENT SCHEDULES.
- 2. AS THE MORNING MEETING PROGRESSED, HOWEVER, SUAREZ SAID THAT BURBANO SHOULD PRESENT THE SAME AFTERNOON A LETTER OUTLINING THE SITUATION IN WHICH CASE SUAREZ WOULD, ACCORDING TO BURBAN, "DO HIS BEST TO AVOID FINES."
- 3. BURBANO PROCEEDED TO READ TO DCM THE LETTER HE PROPOSED TO DELIVER. IT CONSISTED OF A HISTORICAL REVIEW ONCE AGAIN OF THE SCHEDULES AND FREQUENCIES BUT AVOIDED ASKING PERCONFIDENTIAL

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MISSION TO FLY THESE SCHEDULES INASMUCH AS BRANIFF BELIEVES

THAT THAT RIGHT BELONGS TO THE COMPANY.

- 4. THE DCM INFORMED BURBANO OF THE SUBSTANCE OF REF B SAYING THAT HE DID NOT SEE ANY INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN THAT LETTER AND THIS INSTRUCTION. BURBANO WILL STATE ORALLY TO SUAREZ THE POSITION THAT IF GOE AUTHORITIES HAVE ANY QUESTION THE MATTER SHOULD BE PURSUED BY GOE WITH USG.
- 5. DCM THEN TELEPHONED SUBSECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS VALDEZ TO PASS ON THIS LATEST EXCHANGE AND TO ASK IF HE HAD ANY RESPONSE YET TO THE AIDE MEMOIRE LEFT WITH HIM ON DECEMBER 16. VALDEZ SAID THAT HE HAD TURNED THE MATTER OVER TO THE DAC FOR STUDY AND EXPECTED TO HAVE A RESPONSE BY DECEMBER 23. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT BRANIFF HAS INDEED BEEN CHALLENGED, DCM INFORMED VALDEZ OF USG POSITION PER REF B.
- 6. MEANWHILE, BRANIFF INTENDS TO CONTINUE FLYING ITS PREFERRED SCHEDULE. BREWSTER

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